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Faculty mixed on sports issue

Referendum begins Monday

By KEVAN SMITH
The Almagest

The issue of Division III athletics at LSUS is not dead, according to several faculty members.

The proposal will be decided by students in a Student Government Association referendum Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The faculty voiced its opposition to the proposal recently in a 57-to-25 vote.

"I voted against this proposal," said Dr. Milton Finley, professor of history, "because the timing was horrible. Athletics are going to cost money — there's no way around it. If we can't fund it properly, then I don't want it."

Finley is opposed to raising student activity fees, the proposed monetary source for an athletic program.

"A lot of students here are marginal," Finley said, "They have financial problems; to hit them with another increase would chase them away."

But Jesse DeMello, an assistant professor of health and physical education, voted for the proposal. He said that athletics at LSUS should at least have partial state funding.

"I think there would be no problem in spending \$200,000 (for athletics) either as a combination of student fees and state backing — or state backing alone," he said.

Demello said he had some questions about the total cost. It would have to include considerations for an athletic director and athletic council required by state law, NCAA fees, conference fees and separate male and female teams for sports such as basketball that are required by an athletic code called Title IX, he said.

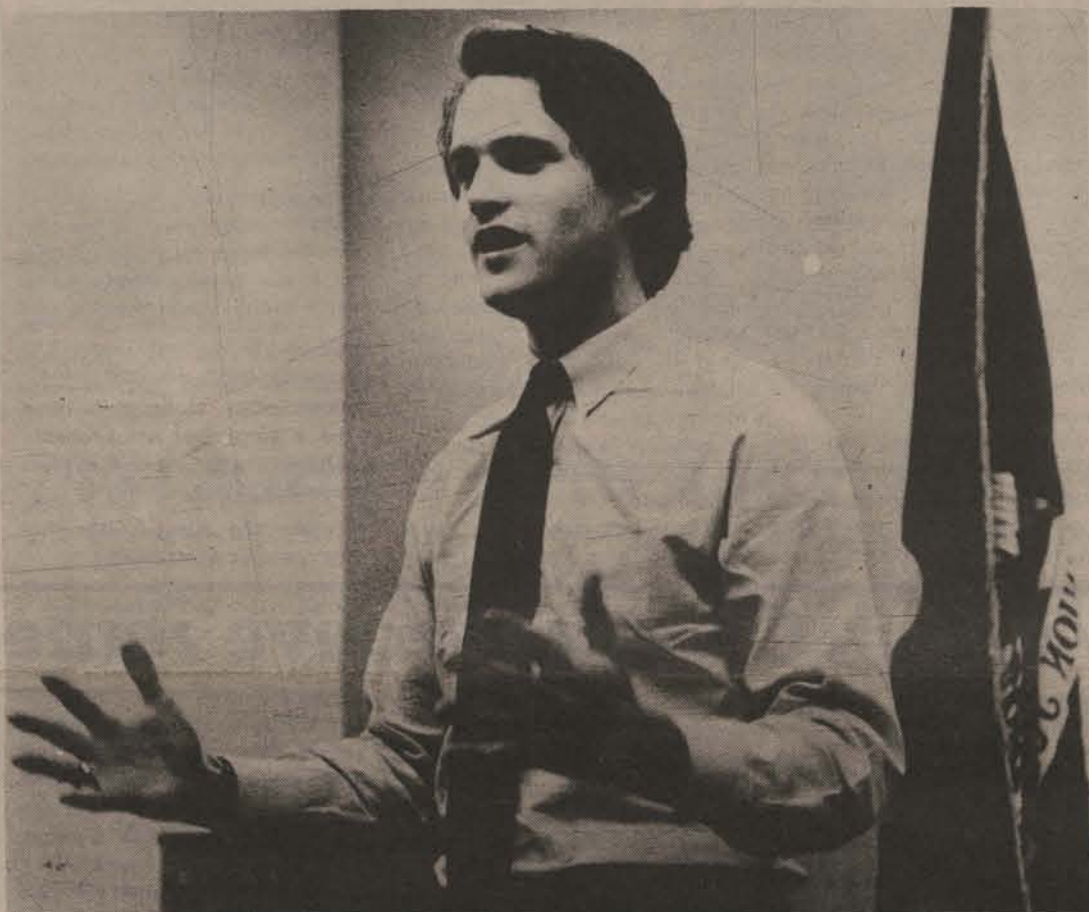
Another supporter, Dr. Norman Dolch, associate professor of sociology, also believes intercollegiate sports at LSUS can be state funded, but could also be funded through activity fees.

"If it can be done solely through the money that students would contribute," Dolch said, "then I think that questions surrounding timeliness lose some of their poignancy."

But Dolch's yes vote in the faculty meeting was based on his students' opinions.

"I talked," he said, "with students in my classes, ...and I had upwards of 70 percent of

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John Dukakis, son of presidential candidate Michael Dukakis.

photo by Carol Sollars

Dukakis' son stumps for dad

By JACK WILLIAMS
The Almagest

Gov. Michael Dukakis, D-Mass., has the executive experience necessary to be president of the United States, his son John said Monday at LSUS.

"He (my dad) is one of the few people who has had that kind of experience with an economy that we think is important," Dukakis said.

The elder Dukakis was first elected governor of Massachusetts in 1974. At that time the state was a mess economically. The unemployment rate was close to 12 percent and the state deficit was the highest in the country.

"We were called 'Taxachusetts,'" Dukakis said. "And for very good reason. We were a tough place to live."

Dukakis said that many of the economic problems facing Massachusetts then are similar

to the ones facing Louisiana now. But through innovative programs and hard work, Massachusetts has recovered, he added.

"(My dad) went to work, made some tough choices, and balanced the budget — something he's done nine times and is about to do a tenth," Dukakis said. His father worked with business and industry and made investments in education, roads and highways, and the "kinds of people programs that (his dad) knew would work."

Four years later Mike Dukakis was defeated in the Democratic primary. In 1982 he was re-elected and again faced a deficit.

"The federal deficit clearly is something that we need to deal with first and foremost," he said. "And my dad has dealt with Republican deficits...before."

In Massachusetts the elder Dukakis has cut taxes five times in the last four years and balanc-

ed the budget every year of his administration, John Dukakis said. "Now instead of being 'Taxachusetts,' ... we have a business atmosphere that has created thousands of jobs in the state," he said. "And we're a place where businesses and where people have decided to live."

Dukakis feels that his father's history of dealing with economic issues and his executive experience will make the elder Dukakis a good president.

Dukakis is the southern campaign manager for his father's presidential campaign. "I responded to a nationwide search for a southern campaign director, and I was found to be the most qualified person — in my family — to do the job."

Dukakis is travelling throughout the southern states that are holding primaries on March 14, 1988. He tries to visit a

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Question of the week

Do you think that LSUS should have a longer Thanksgiving vacation?

Kevin Bryan, sophomore, liberal arts: "Yes, because I get really hungry, and I like to eat a lot. I'm a skinny little fellá, and the way school works out I don't have enough time to eat all of the food that I want."

Francis Rienzo, junior, physics: "No, because if our break were any longer, I wouldn't come back. I have enough trouble going to my classes after a weekend break."

Raymond Gaines, sophomore, history: "Yes, because this is a time of togetherness, and it is just not enough time to get together with family."

Norman Provizer, professor of political science: "No, it's long enough. All you have to do is gain enough energy to limp through the last two weeks."

Paul Bryar, senior, pre-med: "Gee, I wouldn't want to cause the administration any mental strain. It would require too much red tape to lengthen the vacation."

features

Kincheloe does it his way

By TOM HARPER
Special to the Almagest

The students file into BE 113 and find their places among the classroom's three sections of elevated seating. It is Tuesday. The time is 12:40 p.m. The course is Education 201, an introductory course.

Everything is as it should be. Then the instructor walks in. Pushing chairs out of his way, he launches into a non-stop monologue, complete with gestures, anecdotes and rhetorical questions. During the hour and fifteen minutes he seldom stops moving, walking up and down the aisles, across the room and back-and-forth to the blackboard.

"With Dr. Kincheloe you get more than a lecture," remarks a member of his class, "you get a performance."

Who is this energetic associate professor in his fifth year at LSUS? Seated between posters of Albert Einstein and the Sierra Club, he spoke from his office last

week.

"I'm a hillbilly. I grew up in Tennessee. I moved to Virginia and got involved in the anti-war movement and the civil rights movement in the late 1960s."

He married and received masters degrees in American social and cultural history and social studies education, as well as a doctorate. "Teresa (his wife) and I helped each other finish school — one of us would go out and get a job and work while the other one studied."

Later they both taught at a college in South Dakota sponsored by the Rosebud Sioux tribe. Kincheloe was chairman of the education department.

"On the reservation I had the opportunity to see the beauty of Indian culture, but I also saw what happens to a traditional culture when it is broken down by military defeat, denied economic opportunity and dominated by the mass media and others," Kincheloe said.

"In the classroom one day I was sitting with a group of Indian

students in their thirties, discussing with them the effect American institutions had had on them. And tears were running down the faces of both men and women as they tried to explain what it was like not being able to fit in anywhere, in mainstream America or even in traditional Indian culture. I'll never forget the experience," he said.

Living in Shreveport is obviously a change for someone with such a liberal background. When asked about how Shreveport has received him Kincheloe smiled and said, "Mixed, I

would definitely have to say the response has been mixed. But I feel I have greatly helped some people in their coming of age, in their clarifying of who they are in exposing them to new ideas. Among other students, I have been a voice that has probably confused them — made them feel a sense of anxiety when I've raised questions about things that they consider questionable."

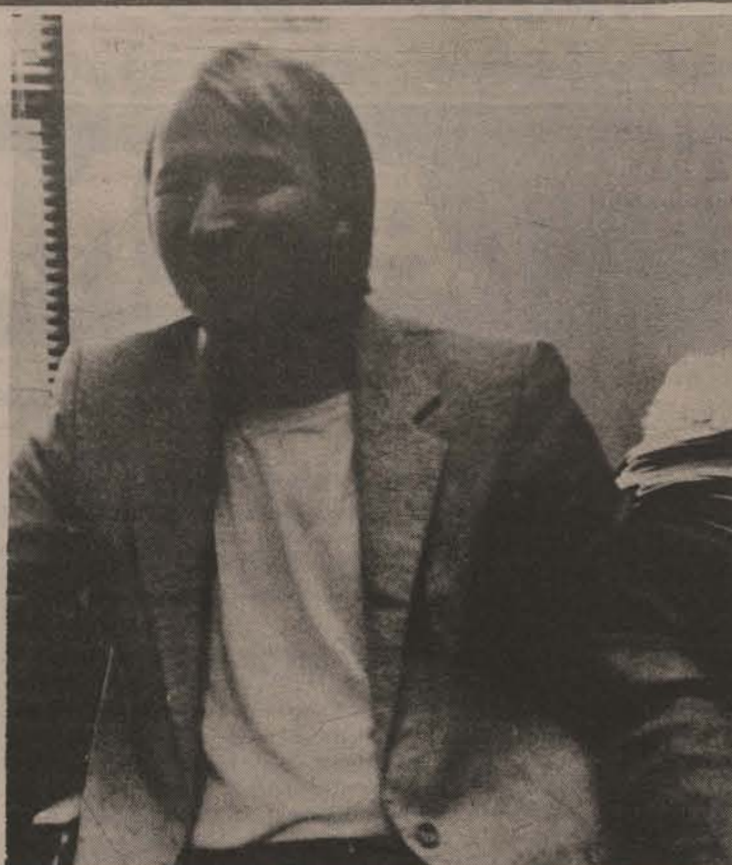


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Joe Kincheloe

Vitamin C most effective remedy in fighting colds

By KEVAN SMITH
The Almagest

Your final exams start next week; reviews in class start this week, and you have a research paper due tomorrow.

But your nose is stuffy; your head is splitting, and you can't stop that nasty cough, which is aggravating your sore throat. You have a winter cold, but you can't miss any classes.

So what should you do? Run to the medicine cabinet?

Of course.

But here are a few things you should know about the cold remedies you might take and the best treatment you can give to yourself.

First, the medicine you take might not be worth beans. Most over-the-counter cold preparations have little therapeutic value. The drug manufacturers put ineffective dose levels in their product, but they still work because you think that you're taking something that will "put your cold on hold."

Also, some treatments might increase your chances of catching another virus. They block the body's immune system, its best defense against disease.

According to *The Merck Manual*, more than 150 viruses can cause cold symptoms. Their typical incubation period is from three-to-four days. Because of this variety, scientists despair of ever producing a cold vaccine.

So most colds are treated symptomatically.

Phenylpropanolamine is given for decongestion, cough syrups relieve sore throats and Tylenol or aspirin treats the other symptoms.

Most over-the-counter medications contain phenylpropanolamine, acetaminophen and an antihistamine, but the antihistamine is unnecessary.

According to *The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics*,

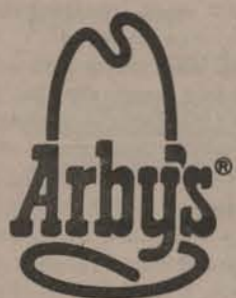
"antihistamines are of little value in combatting the common cold." They induce drowsiness and dry the protective mucous lining of the respiratory tract, increasing the chance for a secondary infection like pneumonia.

The best treatment of cold symptoms seems to be aspirin or Tylenol, extra water and a large dose of vitamin C. The medical

profession has often scoffed at the value of vitamin C for treating colds, but recent studies have shown that it is effective.

The best dose of vitamin C is 1,000-5,000 mg per day. Since vitamin C passes quickly through the body, the dose should be spread out in three to five equal doses per day.

The aspirin-Tylenol, vitamin C and water treatment also has another benefit for college students. It keeps the mind alert for study. It may not provide the drugged relief of over-the-counter medications, but your mild suffering will last shorter than with a drug store panacea.



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Dynasties: end of a sports era

By DONALD GARRETT
The Almagest

The time for dynasties in professional sports is gone.

It's been nearly a decade since there has been a repeat champion in one of the three major team sports.

There are several reasons why we will never see another sports dynasty such as the Pittsburgh Steelers or the Oakland A's. Among the reasons for the demise of sports dynasties are injuries, complacency, inordinate player salaries, meddling ownership and, most damaging of all, expansion.

A close look at some pitfalls which have plagued recent champions reveals how various factors stop a team from repeating. Pittsburgh, for example, won four Super Bowls in six years. The loss of quarterback Terry Bradshaw and linebacker Jack Lambert to injuries in the early 1980s ended the Steeler dynasty.

In baseball, the advent of free agency has played a key role in no team repeating since the New York Yankees of 1977-78. Oakland won three straight World Series from 1972-74. In 1976, the team fell to last place after losing Catfish Hunter, Reggie Jackson, Sal Bando and Joe Rudi to free agency.

The Cincinnati Reds joined the Yankees as the other repeat champion in baseball in the 1970s. Both failed as dynasties. The Reds won the Series in 1975-76, but broke up team chemistry by trading Tony Perez after the '76 season. The Yankees were doomed by the interference of their egomaniacal owner George Steinbrenner, who changed players and managers as if they were toys in a toy chest.

In basketball, it seems that the Celtics and Lakers win every year, but that's not the case. There has been no repeat champion since the

1968-69 Celtics and injuries have been the biggest reason. The Celtics won in 1986, but injuries to Bill Walton and Kevin McHale ended Boston's chances of repeating. The same fate befell the Lakers when they won in 1985 and then lost Magic Johnson and Michael Cooper with injuries the next season.

But the Celtics and Lakers have been able to stay near the top each season because it takes fewer players to maintain a great basketball team. A team can acquire a Larry Bird or Abdul-Jabbar, surround him with some decent players and remain in contention, but not so in baseball and football.

Poor drafts and bad trades will kill a team in baseball or football almost as quickly as injuries or losing free agents because expansion has diluted the talent pool.

There are simply not as many great athletes from team to team as there once was. Winning teams draft lower than losing teams and have less opportunity to acquire the great athletes who can keep them near the top. Baseball added the Blue Jays and Mariners in 1976, the same season that the Bucs and Seahawks joined the NFL. Only the Steelers and Yankees, with their athletes already in place, have repeated since that expansion.

To put things in perspective I looked at some of the great teams of yesteryear. The 1927 Yankees had five of its eight regular players make the Hall of Fame. The Celtics won eight straight NBA crowns from 1958-66 and eight of its 12 players are in the basketball's Hall of Fame.

The NFL, NBA and MLB are all talking about expanding in the near future, so the talent pool of quality athletes will be diluted further. The birth of another sports dynasty seems dim at best.



Members of Phi Van Halen: (Top) Chris Greer, Phillip Nimmo, Mark Yawn; (Middle) John Pettis, Bruce Spence, Jimmy Gould; (Kneeling) Dave Deramis, John Sanchez, Erin Calloway.

photo by Don Garrett

IM champs off to Baton Rouge

By RODNEY MALLETT
The Almagest

Same place, different situation.

Phi Van Halen, the LSUS Intramurals football champion, will make a repeat trip to Baton Rouge for the state IM Championship Tournament tomorrow.

The difference this year, however, is the team has 12 players compared to seven last year who played both offense and defense.

"We have players (this year) who can interchange at any position," said Mark Yawn, one of the

team's original four players. This year's team is also faster, he added.

The other three original players are Jon David Murray, Chris Greer and John Easom.

"We were tired and after playing three games in one day, some of the guys' legs were so swollen from running that they could not get their jeans on," Yawn said of last year's tournament.

There are two main quarterbacks for this year's team. Murray plays the position most of the time. Easom is brought in for long-yardage situations

because he can throw the length of the field, Yawn said.

The tournament is set up so that half the teams will be eliminated on the first day of competition. The finals are played on Sunday. Yawn said he thinks the team should make it to Sunday unless they are stuck in one of the tougher brackets. The tough teams to watch out for are Northeast, McNeese and UNO.

Yawn said that some colleges have redshirt freshmen from the tackle team playing in the IM division also. Other teams have their track stars competing, he added.

Champions crowned

Volleyball champions were crowned in all three divisions of IM volleyball last week.

In the Women's Division, HPE won the title in a three game match over the Tri Delts.

Phi Mu Halen took the crown in the co-rec league with a 15-3, 15-6 route of the Kappa Sig Reds.

HPE claimed a second crown with a victory in the men's division. HPE reached the finals after beating Phi Van Halen 15-4, 15-7. The Cobras defeated Just Us two games to one to win the other semifinal match.

In the title match HPE swept away the Cobras with an easy 15-9, 15-7 win.

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news



Col. Dennis Coupe, Col. Charles Harmon and Lt. Col. Ronald Joe field questions from LSUS students.

Prof to lecture on revolutions

Dr. Milton Finley, professor of history, will speak on "The Age of Revolutions" Sunday at 3 p.m. in the LSUS Library.

The program is the first of a new Master of Arts in Liberal Arts lecture series.

"The French Revolution," according to Dr. Finley, "begins the modern era, sweeping away the last vestiges of the old socio-economic order." In his lecture Finley will emphasize the French Revolution: "All other revolutions of this age were squalls to the hurricane of the French Revolution."

In coordination with this lecture will be an exhibit of 24 color posters on "William Wordsworth and the Age of English Romanticism" in the library from Nov. 20 to Dec. 11. These posters are reproductions of a museum exhibition which opened at the New York Public Library last month.

The lecture and exhibit are funded by a grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

Dr. Nancy Wilhelmi, associate professor of English and academic resources coordinator, is the project director.

Military leaders stress caution

By DONALD GARRETT
The Almagest

"America should use caution and prudence in its use of force against Iran in the Persian Gulf so as to keep the door open for a possible relationship well into the 21st century with a post-Khomeini government in Iran," Lt. Col. Dave Baggett told LSUS faculty and students Tuesday.

Baggett was among a group of five officers from the U. S. Army War College who held a question-and-answer session with the campus group on the role of the U. S. military in national and international matters.

Each member of the officer's panel was a specialist in various military and political areas. Baggett's topics were the Persian Gulf, the Middle East, military ethics and espionage.

Other members of the panel were Col. Charles Harmon, Col. Dennis Coupe, Lt. Col. Robert Dierker and Lt. Col. Ronald Joe.

Dierker, of the U. S. Air Force, was the only non-Army officer on the panel. His topics included "Star Wars," Russia, defense budgeting problems and advanced USAF technology.

Dierker was asked if he felt that President Gorbachev's economic reforms in the Soviet Union were genuine or just for show.

"Gorbachev was formally in charge of agricultural production in Russia and I'm certain that he wants the USSR to become self sufficient so that his country can become a world power economically as well as militarily," replied Dierker.

Joe's topics were the media vs. the military, Europe, minority issues and leadership-group behavior. Joe fielded several tough questions including one on the role of women in combat.

"I personally feel that women should be allowed to fight in front line units if they so

desire. But right now it is against the law for women to fight in such front line units such as armor and infantry. But women serving in combat units is a sociological problem that must be solved in the future as the manpower pool steadily decreases," said Joe.

Harmon's areas of specialization were U. S. nuclear strategy, South Africa and military preparedness.

Asked if the U.S.-Soviet Union arms reduction treaty would give the Russians too big an edge in conventional weapons, Harmon replied, "The treaty will not make that much of a difference in the strategy of the Allies in Europe, though Russia does have a significant edge in conventional numbers."

Coupe's topics included terrorism, national strategy formulation, the Pacific region and the Vietnam war.

Asked about recent reports of U.S. soldiers possibly still being held as prisoners in Southeast Asia, Coupe said, "Personally, no—I don't think there are any U.S. prisoners in Vietnam. I mean I hope I'm wrong, so that we could find them and bring them home to their families, but it's been a long time since the war ended and there is no reason for Vietnam to still be holding our men.

The communist leaders in Vietnam are trying to get more U. S. economic aid and holding our prisoners would defeat their purposes."

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briefs

'Hart-breaker' to lecture

Tom Fiedler, one of three Miami Herald reporters who staked out presidential candidate Gary Hart's townhome in Washington, D.C., and wrote about the findings, will speak in the University Center Theater on Monday at 8 p.m.

Fiedler, political editor of the Herald, will describe his paper's investigation of Hart, the front-running Democrat before the Donna Rice "incident," and the journalistic ethics of probing into candidates' personal lives.

His speech will be followed by a question-and-answer period. The event is open to the public. A donation of \$2 from non-students and \$1 from students is required.

The Shreveport Journalism Foundation and the Shreveport Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalism, Sigma Delta Chi, both non-profit organizations promoting journalism scholarships and professional development, are co-sponsoring Fiedler's appearance.

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The event, sponsored by STARS OF JAZZ, will benefit KDAQ. Tickets are \$25.

The performance will feature internationally renowned composer, conductor and arranger Mundell Lowe, jazz vocalist Betty Bennett, recording artist Plas Johnson, bassist Bill Huntington and percussionist David Lee.

Tickets are on sale at Stan's Record Shop in Eastgate Shopping Center or by mail through STARS OF JAZZ — KDAQ Benefit, P.O. Box 6020, Shreveport, LA 71136. For more information call KDAQ at 797-5150.

Glamour contest

Students are invited to participate in Glamour Magazine's 1988 Top Ten College Women Competition.

Young women from colleges and universities throughout the country will compete in Glamour's search for ten outstanding students. A panel of the magazine's editors will select the winners on the basis of their solid records of achievement in academic studies or extracurricular activities on campus or in the community.

Winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to New York City and will participate in meetings with professionals in their area of interest.

BSU

The Baptist Student Union holds a Lunchcounter Wednesdays at noon at the BSU. Everyone is welcome to attend, fellowship and return on time to a 1 p.m. class.

Kissinger attendance

More than 1,600 people attended the Henry Kissinger lecture on

Nov. 5, according to Dr. Peter Smits, a spokesman for the Office of University Relations.

Thanksgiving holidays

That number includes 150 students whose tickets were purchased by the University Associates. Several groups of school teachers' tickets were purchased by patrons of the event.

Faculty were also given the opportunity to hear Kissinger speak at LSUS the following day.

Thanksgiving holidays at LSUS are Nov. 26 and Nov. 27.

Library hours next week will be: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, regular schedule; Thursday and Friday, closed; Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 2 to 6 p.m. Normal hours will resume Nov. 30.

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Defeat Neeson

Since 1983 the cost of attending LSUS for a student has risen from \$390 to \$600. Partially to blame is the state's economy. Largely to blame is an ineffective legislative delegation. Many LSUS students now have the opportunity to change one member of that delegation. We urge students in State Senate District 38 to vote for Ron Bean.

Gov.-elect Buddy Roemer campaigned on the platform of change. We could not agree more in the case of representation in District 38. The incumbent Richard Neeson has failed to provide the strong leadership needed to secure a piece of Louisiana's economic pie for LSUS.

Neeson has consistently shown a lack of respect for the students at LSUS — a substantial number of whom live in his district. Last year he failed to attend two different legislative forums held at this university. In October of this year he again failed to attend a function sponsored by the Government and Law Society. Such blatant disrespect should not go unrewarded. If he were being *graded*, he certainly would receive an "F."

Ron Bean is new blood in Louisiana politics. Perhaps that is what is needed. He has run a clean, effective campaign. He is honest, and there seems to be no hint of scandal in his background.

Louisiana does need change in state government, especially in the Legislature. We think Ron Bean should be a part of that change.

Thanksgiving message

A tornado recently struck Shreveport and much of the surrounding area. It came unexpectedly and created havoc with houses and power lines. Fortunately, no lives were lost and only a few were injured. It could have been much worse.

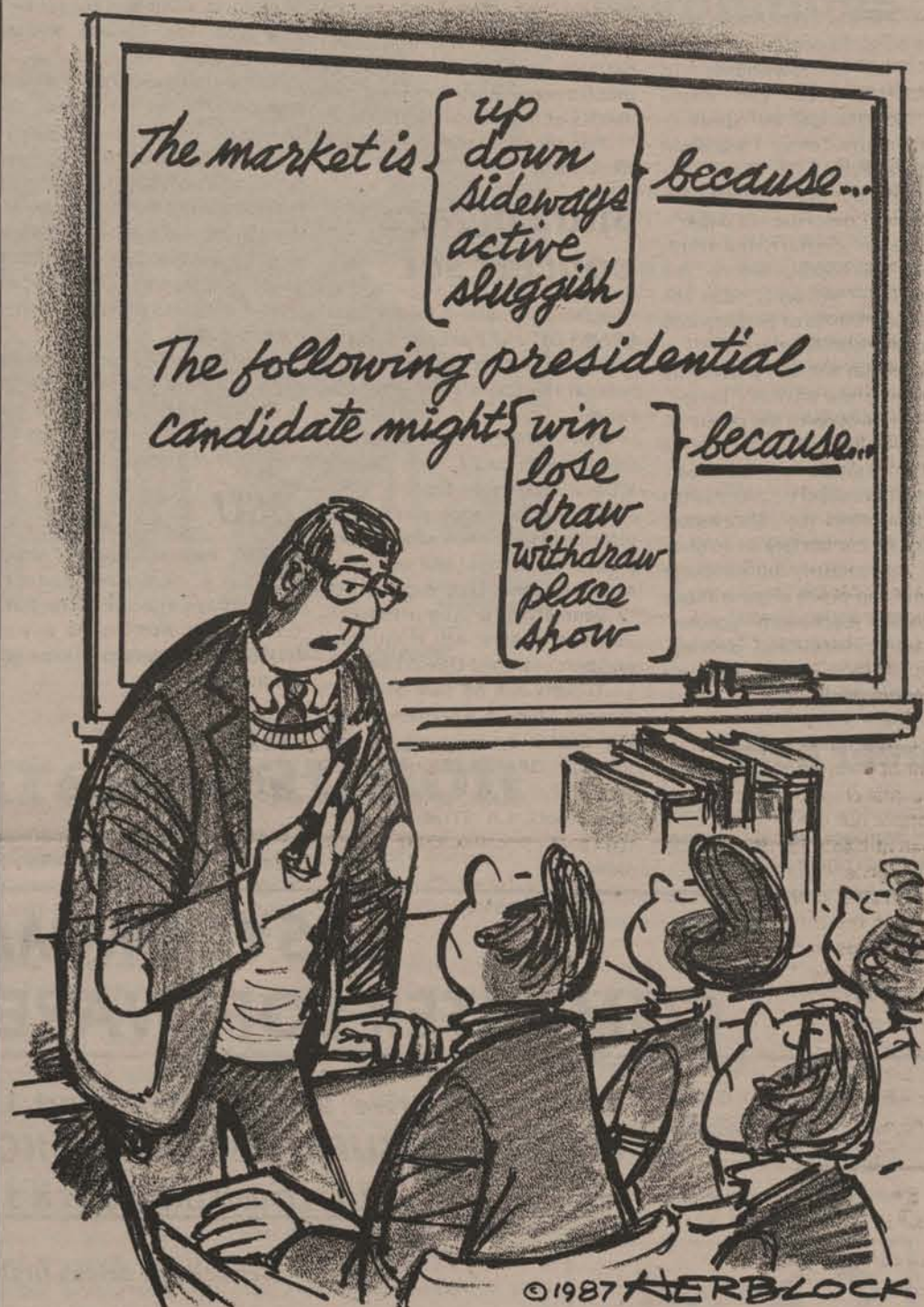
This disaster, occurring so close to Thanksgiving, emphasizes that for which we have to be thankful. There are those in our society who will watch no parades or football on Turkey Day. There are those who will not eat turkey. There are those who will not eat at all. They should be remembered on a day of thanks.

During the two days' vacation that we receive for Thanksgiving, many of us will work on papers or catch up on reading that we have been putting off. Sometime during those duties, let's remember those who have less than we do. There are those who cannot afford to go to college. There are those who cannot even read. How many of us have walked in those shoes?

Again, there are those who, through no fault of their own, have little except hope. And even that seems remote at times. So during our break let us do more than just think about the plight of those less fortunate. Let us act.

Happy Thanksgiving.

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Letters

The *Almagest* reserves the right to edit all letters for length.

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op-ed

Poverty march raises awareness

By JACK WILLIAMS
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During the holidays every year we hear a lot about the homeless, and those who do not have clothes or enough to eat. Some of us may give old clothes to the Salvation Army or donate food to Christian Services. But how many actually know much about the plight of the poor?

Last Tuesday about 150 people attempted to raise public awareness of the problems that the poor of our nation face. They marched to the Federal Building, to the Caddo Parish Courthouse, to the Louisiana State Office Building, and ended their march at Shreveport City Hall. Led by Sister Margaret McCaffrey, the marchers carried signs and some sang. There was a group of about 25 guys from the Caddo Magnet High School Key Club. There were only about four or five LSUS students. I was one of them.

The march was one of information, not one of protest. It began at Ken's Thrifty Way, at the corner of Hope and Milam streets, in the midst of the one of the most poverty-stricken areas in Shreveport. It proceeded through downtown to the places where the poor must go to receive assistance. We passed Christian Services' Hospitality House where a sign hung outside the door that identified it as a "House of Hope and

Love."

"By going to the places where those in poverty must go to obtain the most basic assistance, perhaps in some way we can better understand the indignities suffered by the poor," Sister Margaret said.

Poverty in this country has many unfair stereotypes associated with it. The typical poor or homeless person is generally thought to be a lazy, dirty and often, alcoholic man. But that stereotype simply is not true. Poverty in this country does not care what race, sex or religion it attacks. It simply attacks.

And the problem is getting worse. Despite the promising War on Poverty, there are many in this country who are not being helped. There are those who cannot pay even the smallest amount for rent. They have NO money.

One of the marchers had been out of work for three months. She had only a third grade education and was learning how to read through a local volunteer program. But she could not find work and had been evicted from her apartment in the Ledbetter Heights area.

The disease of poverty kills many. But death certificates do not list "poverty" as a cause of death. Yet, it is. There are those who do not have heat to keep warm in winter. There are those who do not have shelter for themselves or their children.

No elected officials were

there for the march for awareness. Maybe they were unaware. Maybe they were busy. Maybe they just did not care. As we walked through downtown I did see a state senator. He just smiled and looked at us curiously.

One marcher held a sign that said: "Poor people are not hungry for food only. We are hungry for justice, too." And they are not getting justice. They are getting the runaround. Politicians, black and white, appear to want the votes of the poor, but they do not follow through once elected. If millions of dollars can be spent on the Contras in Nicaragua, why can't jobs be created for those who want them?

Perhaps, the Rev. Bart Gould said it best. Paraphrasing a line from the biblical story of Moses leading the Israelites from Egyptian bondage, he said: "Poverty is our pharaoh. . . . Poverty let our people go."

We need to work at helping people build their self-esteem. And we, especially college students, need to be aware of the problems that exist in our community. We will be the ones that have to confront the results of those problems ten or fifteen years from now. And in raising our awareness, perhaps we can make Shreveport a city that not only "means business" but a city of "hope and love" as well.

Sports issue becoming stale

By ERIC BANKS
The Almagest

This sports issue is being belabored, Clayton. Judge Bork had it easier. Dissension between the factions is rampant — faculty member against faculty member, student against student — the whole thing makes me nervous.

Martyrdom isn't in. Dr. Strangelove was a movie — this is for real. Don't ride the sports bomb to the end. You're the only president we have.

It's time to address real issues. With my no-nonsense propositions and your legislative tug, we'll rebuild your platform on solid issues — ones that will make your's a presidential record that past presidents can only admire and future ones can only hope to equal.

The first piece of legislation is to curve the classroom irksomeness of the "brown-noser." He's the guy who is fast on a calculator. He discovers the answer a millisecond before the astronomy professor and resoundingly blurts it for all to hear.

The brown-noser asks conspicuously silly questions — anything to display his ardent inquisitive nature.

This guy's reputation as a pseudo-superstudent follows him to bars, movies and artshows — where he educates the viewing public on stroke techniques of the Impressionist era. For his sake and our's, Clayton, let's pass a law limiting the brown-noser's "interruptions" to three-per-class period.

'The classroom is the here and now. The sports issue is the maybe and the later.'

The next piece of legislation should propose the immediate abolition of all "Bic Clic" type pens or persons with nervous thumbs, or both.

That annoying clic, clic, clic sound is made when a bored student depresses and releases the pen clicker — repeatedly.

This hasn't reached epidemic proportions, yet, but those who have experienced the clic clic clicking suffer an inexplicable insanity that can only be purged by grabbing the pen or the person's thumb and breaking it in two.

Initially, Clayton, you might be bad-mouthed for enforcing this legislation, but those whose sanity and thumbs were preserved will publicly acknowledge your expediency and name their children after you.

The classroom is the here and the now. The sports issue is the maybe and the later. Let's unveil legislation for realities: enact measures that benefit student and teacher.

Here they are — two examples of the "gutsy" proposals we should undertake. And Clayton, there is no catch — I'm not revealing this biting legislation with a condition.

Be proud, with chin held high as you propose these new, innovative legislative ideas and say, "I am president, hear me roar."

U.S. should 'Just Say No' to Soviets

By KRIS PURDY
The Almagest

When Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev comes to the United States in less than three weeks, he and President Reagan will once again try to reach an arms reduction agreement.

The only way to properly deal with the Soviets is to maintain a stand on arms reduction. The U.S. cannot back down. A good policy to follow is that of Nancy Reagan's toward drugs — "Just Say No."

The U.S. must negotiate with the Soviets until an agreement is made that will result in unequal reductions to reach equal levels

of nuclear weapons. The reductions must be unequal because the Soviet Union's number of nuclear weapons steadily increased during the Cold War, while the U.S. number remained somewhat stagnant.

Our government's main disagreement with the Soviet Union concerns the fact that the USSR is one of the most repressive nations internally and the most aggressive externally.

If the U.S. cannot help the people within the Soviet Union, it must do what it can to combat the external aggression.

The U.S. must negotiate and wait for the "right" arms agreement. As Kenneth Adelman, director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, recently said, "It is better to have no agreement than to have a bad agreement."



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news



Last Sunday night's tornadoes caused heavy property damage in several South Shreveport neighborhoods.

Dukakis volunteers needed

"College students are a very valuable resource when it comes to putting a campaign together," said John Dukakis, whose father Michael is a candidate for president.

Dukakis is the southern regional manager for his father's campaign. Anyone who wishes to find out more or who is interested in working with the Dukakis cam-

paign should contact: Bob Boorstin, Field Office, Dukakis for President, 105 Chauncy St., Boston, MA 02111. Or call 1-800-USA-MIKE.

Athletics

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them telling me that they would support a Division III athletics program."

Joe Patrick, assistant professor of French, doesn't think students would support Division III sports here.

"I am opposed," Patrick said, "to an athletic program at this time. I have already seen a fledgling music program strug-

gle for five years, and not be supported by students with spectators or participation."

"I would support athletics at LSUS," Patrick said, "...if we were able to develop and fully support current academic programs and the library was funded to the extent that we could order periodicals and a sufficient number of books to support our academic programs."

Dukakis

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new college or university every day that he is on the road, which is often six days a week.

In each speech, Dukakis' job is "to spread the good word." He also answers questions about his father's view on various topics.

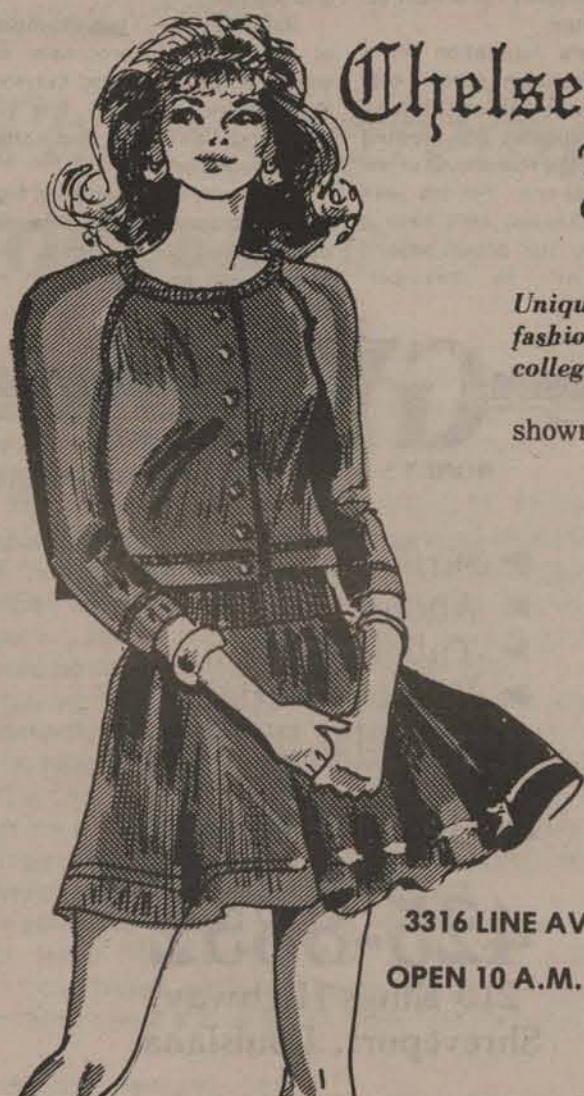
• Education: "The president needs to be an activist for education." A Dukakis administration would create a \$250 million fund as an incentive for more quality people to enter the teaching profession.

• Defense: "We've spent billions of dollars in the last couple of years, throwing it at the Pentagon for weapons systems that are of dubious value." The elder Dukakis feels that less emphasis needs to be put on nuclear weapons systems and more attention should be paid to conven-

tional capabilities.

• The Persian Gulf: "My dad feels... that we missed an opportunity about seven years ago to exercise some international leadership and to work with our friends and with all of the people that have an interest in keeping the sea lanes open in that region." Gov. Dukakis advocates an arms embargo on both sides—Iran and Iraq—and if necessary, a U.N. peacekeeping force in the region.

• The environment: "One of the problems that we have... is that we have appointed people to positions of power in regulatory agencies who are not really interested in regulating. The EPA and the Superfund demand a great deal of regulation."

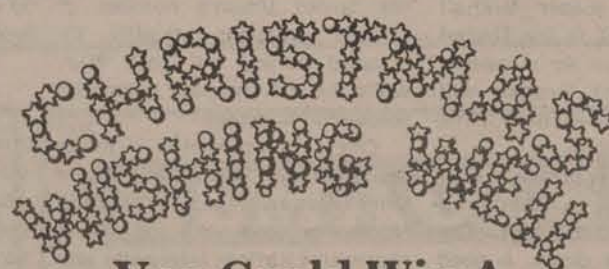


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